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SUBJ: INDIAN

REACTION TO CHILE COUP

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY GOVERNMENT COMMENT ON THE COUP IN CHILE, THE INDIAN PRESS TOOK THE LINE THAT RIGHTISTS IN LEAGUE WITH MILITARY ELEMENTS OUSTED AND CAUSED THE DEATH OF A SINCERE MARXIST LEADER WHO HAD TRIED TO FOLLOW THE PARLIAMENTARY PATH TO A JUST SOCIALIST SOCIETY. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF VERNACULAR AND SOME ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPERS IMPLIED OR STATED THAT THE US WAS BEHIND THE COUP. THEY CITED THE ITT-CIA ALLEGATIONS AND MISINTERPRETED THE US REACTION TO COPPER NATIONALIZATION TO REVEAL THE US HAND BEHIND THE JUNTA. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALL-INDIA RADIO, IN ONE "SPOTLIGHT" PROGRAM, ALLEGED THAT US CORPORATIONS INCITED THE "FASCIST TREASON AND IMPERIALIST INTRIGUE" OF THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES; PRO-MOSCOW COMMUNIST MP BHUPESH GUPTA PROTESTED A SECOND, BALANCED "SPOTLIGHT" COMMENTARY AS "BIASED" TOWARD THE JUNTA. ONLY THE FOUR BIG ENGLISH DAILIES (STATESMAN, TIMES OF INDIA, HINDUSTAN TIMES, AND INDIAN EXPRESS) ARGUED THAT ALLENDE'S FAILURE ON THE EC-

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ONOMIC FRONT WAS A MAJOR CAUSE OF HIS FALL. IN REPORTING THAT

THE INDIAN EMBASSY STAFF IN SANTIAGO WAS SAFE, UNI NOTED THAT THE MESSAGE HAD BEEN RELAYED TO NEW DELHI VIA STATE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES.

2. CONGRESS-O PRESIDENT ASHOKA MEHTA DREW A POLITICAL MORAL FOR INDIA FROM THE COUP, WARNING THAT CHILE'S "DEMOCRATIC POLICY HAD BEEN DESTROYED...IN PURSUIT OF CHIMERICAL OBJECTIVES, ILL-THOUGHT-OUT PROGRAMS OF SOCIAL UPHEAVAL." HE IMPLIED THAT A "BACKLASH" SIMILAR TO THAT IN CHILE COULD OCCUR IN INDIA.

3. SOCIALISTS IN BOMBAY AND COMMUNISTS IN CALCUTTA DEMONSTRATED BEFORE US CONSULATES GENERAL THERE, DENOUNCING THE US AND THE CIA FOR ALLENDE'S FALL. CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICERS DID NOT ACCEPT PETITIONS ON THE SUBJECT. POLICE MAINTAINED ORDER.
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